

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claim 10 as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide ~~which~~ consisting essentially of nucleotides having a nucleotide sequence that encodes a bacterial dnaJp1 peptide consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claims 11-17 (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 32, wherein the polynucleotide further encodes at least one dnaJ peptide other than dnaJp1.

19. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 18, wherein the at least one other dnaJ peptide is a human dnaJ protein.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 10, wherein the encoded dnaJp1 peptide is derived from a naturally occurring dnaJp protein that is encoded in the genome of a bacteria selected from at least one of the genera consisting of *Escherichia*, *Lactococcus*, *Klebsiella*, *Proteus*, and *Salmonella*.

23. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 32, further comprising a composition in combination with an immunomodulatory compound.

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24. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 23, wherein the immunomodulatory compound in the composition is transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β).

Claims 25-31 (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) A recombinant gene expression vector containing a polynucleotide of claim 10.